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PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN: ACTION FOR EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Australia, Austria, Bangladesh*, Belgium, Botswana*, Brazil*, Bulgaria, Cameroon*, Canada*, Côte d'Ivoire*, Cyprus, Denmark*, Estonia*, Finland, France, Germany*, Greece, Iceland*, Ireland*, Italy*, Latvia*, Lithuania*, Malawi*, Netherlands*, Nicaragua*, Nigeria*, Norway*, Pakistan, Portugal, Spain, Sweden*, Switzerland*, Tonga*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, United States of America* and Zambia: draft decision

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Fourth World Conference on Women

The Commission on the Status of Women, as the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Recommends the following draft resolution to the General Assembly for its consideration as soon as possible.

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* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Draft resolution

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The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, on arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/20 of 26 May 1987, in which the Council decided that the Commission on the Status of Women should be designated as the preparatory body for world conferences on women,

Further recalling resolution 37/7 of the Commission on the Status of Women, concerning preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 48/108 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly adopted modalities for participation in and contributions to the World Conference on Women and its preparatory process by non-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing that the rules for accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Fourth World Conference, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 48/108, should be applied transparently and fairly,

Reaffirming the importance of participation by non-governmental organizations in the Fourth World Conference and its preparatory process,

Noting that there is need for more time and opportunity for many non-governmental organizations to clarify their qualifications for accreditation to the Fourth World Conference,

1. Requests that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women immediately communicate in writing with each non-governmental organization that, by 15 March 1995, had applied for accreditation to the Conference but had not yet been accredited, listing the reasons that the secretariat had not forwarded the name of the organization to the Commission on the Status of Women for accreditation;

2. Requests that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women invite those non-governmental organizations referred to in operative paragraph 1 to submit, within four weeks of the date of transmittal of the secretariat's written communication, further relevant information concerning their qualifications for accreditation;

3. Also requests that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women be responsible for the receipt and evaluation, in accordance with the provisions of the annex to General Assembly resolution 48/108, of all previously

supplied information as well as that submitted by non-governmental organizations under the terms of operative paragraph 2;

4. Further requests that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women, prior to the convening of the 1995 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, prepare a list of those non-governmental organizations from operative paragraph 1 that, considering all available information, appear to have met the criteria set out in General Assembly resolution 48/108 for accreditation to the Fourth World Conference on Women;

5. Requests that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women also provide a list of those non-governmental organizations from operative paragraph 1 that the secretariat does not recommend for accreditation, along with the reasons for non-recommendation, to all members of the Council no later than one week prior to the 1995 substantive session of the Council;

6. Requests that the General Assembly authorize the Council at its 1995 substantive session to decide on all pending proposals for accreditation of the non-governmental organizations on the lists drawn up in accordance with operative paragraphs 4 and 5;

7. Also requests that the secretariat of the Fourth World Conference on Women, after the final consideration by the Council of the non-governmental organizations from operative paragraph 1, promptly notify those organizations of the final determination by the Council.